EnrollRI: Rhode Island's new one-stop-shop for students' educational opportunities

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The need for EnrollRI

Equal *access* doesn't necessarily lead to equal *participation*.

- All Rhode Island students have <u>access</u> to a broad array of great educational opportunities...

  - Any student in the state can take free classes on the **All Course Network (ACN)**

  - Any student in the state can take free classes at a public college for free, through **dual enrollment**

  - Any student in the state can enroll in any **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** program anywhere in the state for free

  - Any student can enroll in a **public charter school** for free

- ...But not all Rhode Island students actually <u>take advantage</u> of these opportunities

  - Despite having equal access, we see equity gaps in which students actually participate in these opportunities

  - One major factor is there are many different ways to access all of these programs

    - Systems are hard to navigate and the processes can be opaque

- We created EnrollRI to solve this

What is EnrollRI?

EnrollRI is a first-of-its kind statewide platform that brings together schools, programs, and course choice information into <u>one</u> easy-to-use platform.

- Vision for EnrollRI

  - Transforming the way that Rhode Island families access the educational options that best meet their children's needs by providing a one-stop enrollment platform designed with **family experience** and **equity of access** at its center

- Progress this year

  - Launched www.EnrollRI.org in December

  - Currently hosts the All Course Network (ACN), public charter school enrollment, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) program information

  - Funded through grants from U.S. Department of Education and the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

- Future work

  - Continued expansion of program offerings available on EnrollRI

  - Increased functionality for all users

Before EnrollRI

There were many websites and processes, making it hard for families to navigate.
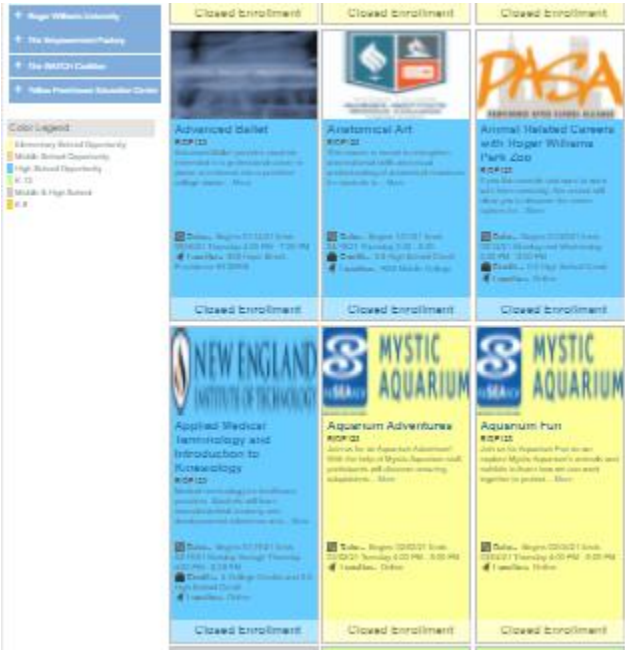
Limited sorting and ability to showcase programs

Multiple sites, multiple charter public school applications

EnrollRI brings this all together

www.EnrollRI.org brings all these enrollment processes into one website.
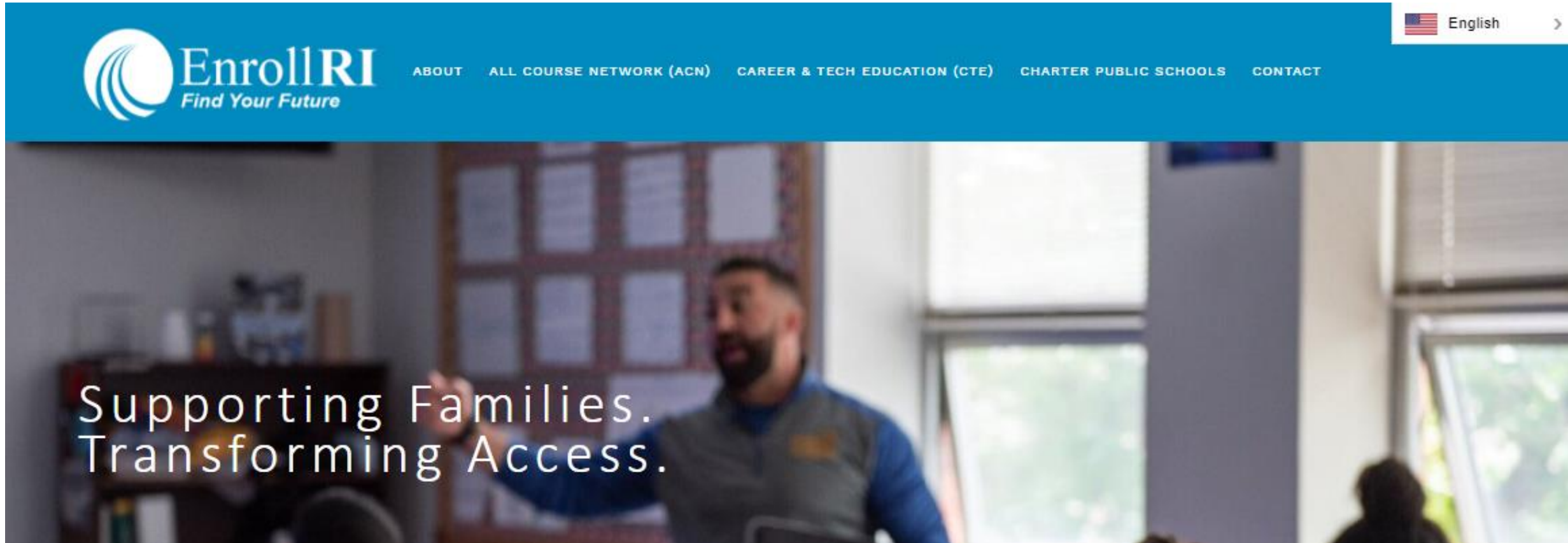
A screenshot from the EnrollRI homepage

Expanding the ACN

After winning an $11M federal Rethink Grant in summer 2020, RIDE has dramatically expanded the course opportunities available to students on the ACN.

- The pandemic means that students need high-quality virtual course opportunities more than ever

  - Rethink RI will:

    - Expand virtual course opportunities on the ACN

    - Provide better supports to vulnerable students

    - Increase supports to allow more students to benefit from these course options

- We have been hard at work on building out these opportunities

  - We have nearly **doubled** the number of courses

    - The ACN offered 76 courses all of last school year. We have 140 courses this semester alone.

  - We have more than **doubled** the number of seats available to students

    - The ACN offered 927 seats all of last year. We have 2,000 seats this semester alone.

  - We expanded the ACN to **elementary schools** and to **enrichment opportunities** for the first time ever

Course options on the ACN

- Courses at a glance:

  - All grade spans, K-12

  - 5 AP courses (400% increase)

  - 33 dual enrollment courses

  - 20 work-based learning courses

  - 79 enrichment courses

- A sampling of the courses currently on the ACN:

  - AP Statistics

  - Intro to Engineering Technology

  - EMT Basic certification

  - Intro to Public Health

  - Creative Music Lab

  - Makers Studio

  - Culinary Academy

  - Yoga for Resilience

  - Advanced Ballet

  - Intermediate Game Programming

  - Art in the Park

Making the ACN easier to access

Families may add/drop courses, update contact info, and check status—all from the Student Dashboard.

RIDE Rhode Island Department of Education   HOME   MY INFORMATION

Student Dashboard

Welcome! On this page you will find the ACN courses that you have preregistered for (the ones that you have expressed interest in taking), enrolled in (meaning your school has approved you to take the course), or been waitlisted in (you've been approved, but there are no seats available in that class at this time).

To enroll in a new course:
1. Tap the **Add Course** button below.
2. Select the courses you are interested in preregistering for.
3. Wait for approval from your current school.
4. If there is space available, you will be enrolled. If not you will be placed on a waitlist an notified if space becomes available.

*Please note: This new platform moves students from the waitlist onto the approved class roster only once per day. This means it may take 24 hours before students see that they have been approved for, and enrolled in, an ACN class. This is different from the former system, Go Sign Me Up, thank you!

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Select Courses for Spring 2021

On this page, you will select the courses that you are interested in registering for.

Adam's Courses

- Below are all the courses you may apply to.
- Using the list below, please select at least one course you would like to register for.
- If you select courses that are full, you will be placed on a waitlist.
- Note, that if a course has seats available, it is possible that the course may be fully enrolled by the time you receive approval. In this event, you will be placed on a waitlist.

Selected Courses

- Classrooms as Communities
- Introduction to Boat Building
- Introductions to Physical & Cyber Security

Search for Course

Filter courses

Select	Course Name ⇕	Info	Provider ⇕	Modality ⇕	Status ⇕
☐	**ASTRO - Audio Production**	❶	ASTRO	In-person	Available
☐	**Jovenes Creativos: Make, Learn, Do**	❶	FabNewport	In-person	Available
☐	**Law in Contemporary Studies**	❶	Roger Williams University	Online	Full
☑	**Introductions to Physical & Cyber Security**	❶	Roger Williams University	Online	Full

Students may enroll in up to two courses per fall and spring semesters and one per summer.

Making the ACN easier to access

Student courses must be approved by a school member designee. A student's course choice moves from "pre-registered" to "waitlisted" to "enrolled" once the system identifies an available seat.

Add Course

Preregistered Courses

Introductions to Physical & Cyber Security

Semester:	Spring
Provider:	Roger Williams University
Start Date:	01/27/2021
Offer Status:	Pending Approval

Remove

Classrooms as Communities

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Families are using EnrollRI

Since launching the ACN enrollment tool on EnrollRI in early January, we have seen a large number of families using it. This is a great sign for a brand new platform.

- 7,300 ACN page views

- 1865 Unique Student Applications

  - With 3,650 Course Selections

- 1,587 Course Enrollments (~80% full)

  - Grades K-3: 477

  - Grades 4-12: 1,110

    - Urban Core Community Representation: 40%

What's ahead for EnrollRI

We will continue building out EnrollRI as a family-friendly portal in the coming months and years.

- Expand public-facing resources for ACN course browsing

- Continue community engagement and information sharing

- Engage CTE stakeholders to further identify what resources will best support the field

- Include more programs on the EnrollRI platform

Thanks to our partners:

Questions?